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South Boundary

(Bear, 6° 10' E)

- West on South Side Sec. 36  
 40.00 Set gr. Sec. post from which  
     W. Oak 10 in. dia. bears N. 52 E. 42 lbs. dist.  
     & Do Do 14 " " " N. 23 W. 67 " "  
 67.28 Intersect State line between Indiana & Illinois 18 chains  
     & 70 lbs. South of 153<sup>rd</sup> mile post, where set post from which  
     W. Oak 9 in. dia. bears N. 29 E. 115 lbs. dist.  
     & W. Oak 10 " " " N. 59 E. 160 " "  
 Land level & poor, Timber oak,  
 Surveyed in March 1834 by  
 Sylvester Sibley, Dep. Sur.

East Boundary

(Bear, 6° 25' E)

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- North on East Side Sec. 36  
 40.00 Set gr. Sec. post from which  
     W. Oak 10 in. dia. bears S. 29 W. 97 lbs. dist.  
     & W. Oak 10 " " " N. 62 W. 28 " "  
 52.86 Set post on right bank of Grand Calumie River corner  
     South East from which  
     W. Oak 24 in. dia. bears S. 49 E. 87 lbs. dist.  
     & Do Do 10 " " " S. 77 W. 123 " "  
 68.74 Set post on left bank of River from which  
     W. Oak 12 in. dia. bears N. 71 E. 251 lbs. dist.  
     & Do Do 18 " " " N. 55 E. 258 " "  
 80.00 Set post cor. to Sec. 25 & 36 from which  
     W. Oak 12 in. dia. bears S. 31 W. 41 lbs. dist.  
     & Do Do 14 " " " N. 25 W. 46 " "  
 Land level & poor, Timber oak, marshy about stream

North on East Side Sec. 25

- 40.00 Set gr. Sec. post from which  
     W. Oak 9 in. dia. bears S. 6 W. 2,95 lbs. dist.  
     & Do Do 12 " " " N. 16 W. 73 " "

T. 37 N. R. 10 W. 22, Mer. Indiana,

58.19 To & W. Oak 12 inches diam,

80.00 Set post cor. to Sec 24 & 25 from which

" W. Oak 18 in. dia. bears S. 5 W. 192 lbs. dist.

& W. Do 9 " " " S. 60 W. 124 " "

Land gently rolling, Soil poor, Timber oak

North on East Side Sec. 24

19.00 Enter marsh

24.50 Set post on S. Margin of Lake from which

" W. Oak 10 in. dia. bears West 7.50 lbs. dist.

no other,

40.00 gr. Sec. cor. in Lake,

50.00 Cor. to Sec 13 & 24 in Lake,

Land se. much lower south of Lake,

North on East Side Sec. 13,

110.00 Gr. Sec. cor. in Lake

50.00 Cor. to Sec 12 & 13 in Lake, all Lake,

North on East Side Sec. 12

30.95 Set post on North Margin of Lake from which

" Maple 3 in. dia. bears N. 26 E. 21 lbs. dist.

& W. Lym 6 " " " N. 61 W. 17 " "

40.00 gr. Sec. cor. in deep water, no mound nor bearing

50.00 Set post cor. to Sec 1 & 12 from which

" W. Oak 6 in. dia. bears N. 62½ E. 720 lbs. dist.

no other, Land level & mostly about Lake

Timber a few scattering oak in places,

North on East Side Sec. 1

35.00 Leave wet prairie

40.00 Set gr. Sec. post from which

" W. Oak 9 in. dia. bears N. 17 W. 4 lbs. dist.

& W. Do 12 " " " S. 7 N. 211 " "

76.25 Set post on Margin of Lake Michigan from wh,

" W. Oak 10 in. dia. bears N. 53 W. 58 lbs. dist.

12 Y. Oak 18 Inches dia. bears S. 9 E. 82 lbs. dist.  
Land level & poor. S. 1/2 mostly wet prairie. N. 1/2  
Sandy, Limber Oak,

Surveyed March 4<sup>th</sup> 1834 by,

Sylvester Sibley, Dep. Sur.,

### North Boundary

(Var. 6° 10' E)

Begin  
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West on South Side Sec. 36 T. 38 N. R. 10 W.

Began on border of Lake Michigan 375 lbs N. &  
396 lbs W. from where the Meander post on Lake  
Michigan sets. East boundary Sec. 1 T. 37 N. R. 10 West  
where set post on Margin Lake Michigan from which  
(12 Y. Oak 14 in. dia. bears S. 49 E. 196 lbs. dist.)

10.31 Set post Margin of Small Lake from which  
are Aspen 9 in. dia. bears N. 18 E. 146 lbs. dist.  
& 10 Do 9 " " " " Y. 29 E. 41 " "

21.30 Set post on West Side of Lake from which  
12 Y. Oak 6 in. dia. bears N. 50 E. 441 lbs. dist.  
& are Aspen 6 " " " " Y. 82 N. 29 " "

40.00 Set Dr. Sec. post from which  
12 Y. Oak 9 in. dia. bears N. 86 E. 413 lbs. dist.  
& 10 Willow 3 " " " " Y. 80 E. 127 " "

47.00 Leave Marsh

55.00 Enter Do

65.50 Intersect State line between Indiana & Illinois 28.59  
lbs South of 159<sup>th</sup> mile post, where set post  
in deep water, no mark or bearings  
Land flat & poor Limber Oak,

Surveyed in March 1834 by

Sylvester Sibley, Dep. Sur.,

### Subdivisions

Var.

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West Between Sections 25 & 36

10.00 Intersect Calumic Marsh



J. 37 N. — R. 10 W. 2nd Mer. Indiana.

37.50 To left bank of River where set post from which  
to W. Oak 20 in. dia, bears N.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  E. 2.70 lbs. dist.  
No other

38.50 To Main Channel of River

41.00 Set Dr. Sec. post in River

41.00 Over River

51.00 Set Meander post on Right Bank of Lake of  
River from which

to W. Oak 12 in. dia, bears S. 4 W. 2.03 lbs. dist.

55.12 Intersect State line between Indiana & Illinois, where  
set post cor. to Sec. 25 & 26 from which

to W. Oak 30 in. dia, bears N.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  E. 2.09 lbs. dist.

No other.

E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  poor barrens W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  & W. of River W. Oak open-  
ings

West Between Sections 24 & 25

24.77 To an Elm 6 in. dia,

41.00 Set Dr. Sec. post from which

to W. Oak 4 in. dia, bears N. 53 W. 18 lbs. dist.

to W. Do 4 " " " " N. 74 E. 9 " "

67.00 Intersect State line between Indiana & Illinois

21.33 lbs. South of 155<sup>th</sup> mil post where set post  
corner to Sec. 24 & 25 from which

to W. Oak 12 in. dia, bears S. 26 E. 58 lbs. dist.

to W. Do 12 " " " " N. 65 E. 55 " "

E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  thick timber, W. Oak, Lym, Poplar, White  
Walnut, Elm &c, W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Marsh & barrens 2nd  
rate Soil,

West Between Sections 13 & 24

18.36 Leave Lake in Marsh, where set post Meander,  
no bearings, nor mound.

23.36 across Marsh & Intersect Lake, where set  
Meander post no mound nor bearings. the Space  
between these lakes. Marsh & Beaver dam July 17, 1836

West Between Sections 12 & 13, from cor. to Sec. 12 & 13  
and Meander post  
18.25 Intersect Lake on State line between Indiana & Illinois  
where set Meander post from which  
to Symmes blw. dia. bears S. 55 E. 45 M. dis. 5

West Between Sections 1 & 12  
20.00 Intersect Lake where set Meander post in marsh  
no mound nor bearing  
51.00 open Lake & set post in marsh no M<sup>d</sup> or bearing  
66.58 Intersect State line between Indiana & Illinois,  
where set post in marsh. no mound nor bearing

Course	C. M.	Meanders beginning at Meander post on North boundary, thence on N. Side of Lake
S. 14 1/4	50.00	In Sec. 1
S. 51 1/4	15.00	
S. 33 1/4	10.00	
S. 38 1/4	5.00	
S. 16 1/4	10.19	To post on line between Sec. 1 & 12
S. 15 1/4	13.00	In Sec. 12
S. 41 1/4	20.52	To Ash Meander post on State line
S. 72 E.	20.00	Meanders on E. Side of Lake, beginning at Meander post on State line S. end of Lake
N. 72 E.	20.00	In Sec. 24
S. 21 E.	15.40	to post on line between Sec. 13 & 24
N. 16 E.	25.00	in Sec. 13
S. 6 1/4	53.00	
S. 66 1/2 E.	3.75	to post on line between Sec. 12 & 13
N. 14 1/4	80.25	in Sec. 12 to post on line between Sec. 1 & 12
S. 41 1/4	16.00	in Sec. 1

T. 37 N. R. 10 W. 2nd Mer. Indiana,

Course & Dist.	Meanders Continued
N. 25 E. 32.00	
North 15.00	
N. 28 E. 13.00	
N. 5 E. 12.50	To post on North Boundary
	Meanders beginning at post Co. to Sec 12 & 13 & Meander post at N. End of Lake thence along W. Margin of Lake in Sec. 13
S. 8 W. 48.00	
S. 24 W. 26.00	
S. 4 W. 11.55	to post on line between Sec. 13 & 24
	in Sec. 24
S. 14 E. 48.00	
S. 45 E. 9.30	to post on Range line at S. end of Lake
	Meanders of Lake Michigan in Sec. 1 beginning at meander post on N. boundary at N. E. Cor. of Township
S. 38 E. 5.00	To post on Range line
	Meanders of Calumie River on Right bank down Stream, beginning at Meander post on State line
S. 78 E. 12.00	In Sec. 25
S. 64 E. 3.76	To meander post on line between Sec. 25 & 36
	In Sec. 36
S. 64 E. 5.00	
S. 58 E. 10.00	
S. 62 E. 11.00	
S. 63 E. 25.00	
S. 70 1/2 E. 3.81	To meander post on East boundary
	Meanders of Calumie River Left Bank down Stream beginning at Meander post on the State line

Cause	C. Lk.	Meander Continued
S. 69 E,	8.00	In Sec, 25
S. 72 E,	18.00	
S. 41 E,	7.15	To Meander post on Line between Sec, 25 & 36
S. 63 E,	22.00	In Sec, 36
S. 71 E,	3.00	
N. 80 E,	5.00	
N. 71 E,	4.00	
S. 72 E,	7.50	To Meander post on East boundary

November 18, 1834

The South part of this Township is poor sand  
barrens & bottomic marsh, except a small  
grove of thick timber, through which the line  
passes between Sec, 24 & 25, the North part  
is entirely covered with marshes, Ponds, & Lakes  
large & Deep, impassable Except when frozen  
or by Boats,

Surveyed November 18, 1834 by

Andrew Burnside

Dep. Surveyor,

I Certify that the foregoing transcript of field  
notes of Township 37 North of Range 10 West 2nd  
Meridian, State of Indiana, has been compared  
with the Original in this office and found to be  
Correct,

William Johnston  
Supt. Genl.

Survey General's Office  
Cincinnati, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 1842

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Survey of the beds of Wolf and George Lakes  
- Indiana.

Lakes George Wolf

Field Notes

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Of the Survey of fractional Sections Seven (7) Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19) in Township Thirty seven (37) North, Range Nine (9) west of 2<sup>nd</sup> Meridian of Indiana, and fractional Sections One (1) Twelve (12) Thirteen (13) and Twenty four (24) in Township Thirty seven (37) North, Range ten (10) west of 2<sup>nd</sup> Meridian in Indiana, and fractional section Thirty six (36) Township Thirty eight (38) North, Range ten (10) west of 2<sup>nd</sup> Meridian of Indiana, in the County of Lake and State of Indiana by Alexander McLeott, Deputy Surveyor, under his contract with the Commissioner of General Land Office bearing date Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1875.

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Township 37 N. R 10 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Meridian, Indiana  
Section 24.

North On East line

24.50 Set meander post

40.00 Set  $\frac{1}{4}$  post in water  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ft deep

77.15 Set corner to sections 13 & 24 in water  
 $2\frac{1}{2}$  ft deep.

Section 13.

North On East line

35.00 to Marsh & rice beds

40.00 Set  $\frac{1}{4}$  Post in marsh

50.20 to water and rushes

65.00 to madow

78.02 Set post in mound over Charcoal  
for corner of 12 & 13

Section 12

North on East line

30.95 to edge of timber set post from which  
a Sym 8 in diam bears S.  $64\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  W. 42 lks dist.  
" Elm 8 " " " N.  $75^{\circ}$  W. 46 " "

32.50 leave timber & enter Prairie

40.00 Set  $\frac{1}{4}$  post from which  
a double Sym 9 in diam. bears N.  $79^{\circ}$  E. 26 lks dist.

80.00 Set post corner of sections 1 & 12

Section 1

North on East line

40.00 Set  $\frac{1}{4}$  post

old - 76.24  
72.33

South margin of Lake Michigan

Of set West 10.3 chs & North 267 lks

7.67 to the North line of Sec 1.

Set meander post from which

a poplar 8 in diam bears East 150 lks dist.

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1875

Alex Walcott  
D. S.

Township 37 N. R. 10 W.  
West between Sections 13 & 24

- 17.00 to land  
18.36 Set meander post in mound from which  
a W. Ash 8 in dia. bears S.  $14\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E 173 lks dist  
" " 16 in " " " N.  $13\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E 166 " "  
22.30 to water  
23.36 Set meander post in water 1 ft deep  
40.00 Set 4 post in water  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ft deep  
68.02 Set post on state line water 3 ft deep  
5543 lks north of 155<sup>th</sup> mile post  
Water full of rushes bottom  
level and sand except 5 chains on  
West side when the muck is 1 ft deep

- West between Sections 12 & 13 T. 37 N. R. 10 W.  
18.25 find old meander corner post & witness  
23.76 to water  
40.00 Set 4 post in water  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ft deep  
66.90 Set post on state line in water 3 ft deep.  
level sand bottom water full of rushes  
& grass.

- West between Sections 18 & 12 T. 37 N. R. 10 W.  
20.00 Set meander post in mound over charcoal  
21.40 to water  
34.00 to meadows  
40.00 Set 4 post in mound over charcoal  
49.00 to water  
51.00 Set meander in water 3 ft deep  
66.58 Set post on state line from which  
an Elm 7 in diam bears N.  $86^{\circ}$  E. 71 lks dist  
" " 20 " " " S.  $44\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 104 " "  
3270 links South of the 158 mile post

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1875  
Alex Voldcott  
S. S.

# Township 37 N. R. 10 W. Sec. 1 -

- 10.99 West on North line from meander post  
to meander post from which  
a Burr Oak 6 in diam. bears West 15 lks dist  
This meander post is 2130 links West of  
East line of Section 1.  
This line is on a sand ridge about 3 ft  
above water in Lake Michigan

## Township 37 N. R. 9 W.

- West between 18 & 19  
22.50 Set meander post in mound from which  
a Burr Oak 10 in diam bears S. 80 1/2° E. 119 lks dist  
" " " " " " " " S. 55° E. 114 " "  
27.00 to water  
31.00 to marsh  
32.00 to water  
35.00 to marsh  
37.00 to meadow  
40.00 Set 1/4 post from which  
an Elm 16 in diam, bears N. 52 1/4° W. 345 lks dist  
" " 16 " " " " West 465 " "  
43.50 to timber consisting of Elm. Cherry. Gum  
Ash &c  
44.65 Elm 16 in diam.  
47.00 to Plowed land  
49.00 to timber ridge 100 lks wide  
50.00 to water  
75.52 to Range line post in water 2 1/2 ft deep  
filled with rushes & other vegetation  
490 lks North of corner of sections 13 & 24  
S. 37 N. R. 10 W.

- West between Sections 7 & 18 S. 37 N. R. 9 W.  
35.00 Set meander post in mound over  
Charcoal  
37.00 to water

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40.00 Set  $\frac{1}{4}$  post in water  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ft deep  
21.00 to meadow  
75.39 Set post on Range line in mound over  
Charcoal 633 Ets north of corner of  
sect. 12 & 13 T. 37 N. R. 10 W.

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1875  
Alex Walcott  
D.S.

### General description

The timber is mostly Elm interspersed  
with White & Black Ash, Sugar Cherry  
& Oak, the ridges of timber are high &  
dry & can be cultivated in fact the settlers  
raised corn, potatoes & other garden vegetables  
the past summer; the meadow lands are  
very prolific, turning out  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons of  
hay per acre, the marshes are becoming dryer  
every year & in a few more years will be  
entirely reclaimed.

Alex Walcott  
D.S.

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not

I Alexander Walcott Deputy Surveyor do solemnly swear that in pursuance of a contract with the Commissioner of the General Land office, bearing date October 23<sup>d</sup> 1875, and in strict conformity to the laws of the United States and with the instructions furnished by the said Commissioner of the General Land office, I have faithfully surveyed fractional sections one (1) Twelve (12) Thirteen (13) and twenty four (24) in Township (37) thirty seven North, Range ten (10) West of the second (2) Meridian, Indiana and fractional sections thirty six (36) Township thirty eight (38) North, Range ten (10) West of Second Meridian and fractional sections seven (7) eighteen (18) nineteen (19) Township thirty seven (37) North, Range nine (9) West of 2<sup>nd</sup> Second Meridian, Lake County, Indiana, and further solemnly swear that the foregoing are the true & original field notes of such survey.

Alexander Walcott  
Deputy Surveyor

Subscribed by said Alexander Walcott Deputy Surveyor & sworn to before me a Notary Public for the County of Cook and State of Illinois this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1875.

James J. Noble  
Notary Public





I Seth Godee do solemnly swear  
that I will faithfully execute the  
duties of Chain Carrier, that I will  
level the chain upon uneven ground  
& plumb the tally pins by stretching  
or dropping the same, that I will  
report the true distance to all  
notable objects, and the true length  
of all lines I assist in measuring to the  
best of my skill and ability

Seth Godee

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day November 1875.

Frank M. Goodrich  
Notary Public.



I Frank A. Rossiter do solemnly  
swear that I will well and truly perform  
the duties of Compass-man, according  
to the directions & instructions given  
me & to the best of my ability

F. A. Rossiter

Sworn & Subscribed to before me  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1875

Frank M. Goodrich  
Notary Public



I Ludwig Walker do solemnly swear  
that I will well and truly perform the  
duties of a man according to instructions  
given me and to the best of my ability

Ludwig Walker

Subscribed & Sworn to before  
me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1875

Frank M. Goodrich  
Notary Public



I Henry Felt do solemnly swear that  
I will well and truly perform the duties of  
Chairman, that I will level the Chain  
upon uneven ground & plumb the bally pins  
by sticking or dropping the same, that I will  
report the true distance to all notable objects  
and the true lengths of all lines to the best  
of my skill and ability.

Henry Felt

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of November A.D. 1875.

Frank M. Goodrich  
Notary Public



State of Illinois }  
Cook County } S.S.

Alexander Wolcott having been appointed Deputy Surveyor of the lands of the of the lands of the United States in sections one (1) twelve (12) thirteen (13) and twenty four. Sp. Thirty Seven (37) North. Range Ten (10) West of 2nd P.M. and section thirty six (36) Sp. Thirty Eight (38) North. Range ten (10) West of 2nd P.M. and sections seven (7) Eighteen (18) & Nineteen (19) Town Thirty Seven (37) North. Range nine (9) West of 2nd P.M. in the County of Lake and State of Indiana. do solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully and to the best of my skill and ability execute the duties confided to me pursuant to a contract with the Commissioner of the General Land office, bearing date the 23rd day of October A.D. 1875. according to the laws of the United States & the instructions received from the Commissioner of the General Land office.

Alex Wolcott

Subscribed & Sworn to before  
me this 4th day of November  
1875.

Frank M. Goodrich  
Notary Public

Notary  
Seal

State of Illinois }  
Cook County } S.S.

We hereby  
certify that we assisted Alexander Walcott,  
deputy Surveyor in surveying Trl. Sections one  
(1) twelve (12) thirteen (13) and twenty four  
(24) Township thirty seven (37) North  
Range ten (10) West of Second P.M.  
and Trl. Sections thirty six (36) Town-  
ship thirty eight (38) North, Range  
ten (10) West of 2nd P.M. and Trl.  
Sections seven (7) Eighteen (18) and  
nineteen (19) in Township thirty seven  
(37) North, Range nine (9) West of  
2nd P.M. in Lake County, Indiana  
and that said survey has been in  
all respects, to the best of our knowledge  
and belief well and faithfully per-  
formed and the boundaries and  
monuments planted according to  
the instructions of the Com. of the  
General Land office & the General  
instructions for Government surveys.

Sidwig Walter - Axeman

Henry Galt }  
Seth Guice } Chainmen

Frank A. Rossiter - Compass

Subscribed & sworn to before me this  
thirtieth day of November A.D. 1875  
I being a Notary Public for Cook County  
& State of Illinois

John Gray  
Notary Public





State of Illinois }  
 Cook County } S. S.

Alexander Walcott Deputy  
 Surveyor for the United States for the  
 Survey of certain lands in Townships Thirty  
 Seven (37) Ranges to Nine (9) and Ten  
 (10) West of the Second Principal Meridian  
 and Township Thirty Eight (38) North Range  
 Ten (10) West of the Second P. M. Indiana;  
 do solemnly swear that I have performed the  
 work entrusted to my care by the Commissioner  
 of the General Land <sup>Office</sup> Carefully and in ac-  
 cordance with the instructions of the Com-  
 missioner of the General Land <sup>Office</sup> & the  
 laws of the United States to the best of my  
 skill and ability, and herewith send to  
 the Commissioner of the General Land  
 Office the results of said Survey, Con-  
 sisting of the Plats, Field notes, diagrams  
 and this report.

And I do further state that said  
 lands surveyed by me as such Deputy  
 Surveyor all lie within the former mean-  
 dered lines of what was denominated on  
 the original plat of United States Surveys.  
 Small Lakes and the lines thus run as  
 meandered lines segregated said Small  
 Lakes or ponds from the Public domain  
 that was surveyed by the United States.

That within said Meandered lines there  
 is not and never has been a navigable  
 body of water, but has always been a shallow  
 bed of water of no sufficient depth to float  
 any vessel for Commerce.

That the bed of said so called lake is  
 merely a slight depression from the level  
 of the surrounding country, which de-  
 pression caused waters to collect within  
 these areas. Thus forming a shallow pond.



or places which are not permanent in their character or fixed in their character as ponds or lakes. are which are fed by Springs or streams or as ponds or lakes are usually supplied which are of a perennial character.

This affiant having been a long resident of the State of Illinois & having for a period of nearly thirty years had an intimate knowledge of all these ponds situate on and near the state line in Indiana & Illinois states that they are not of a perennial character. are not supplied or supported & never have been by either springs or by streams running into them or any of them.

But are of a fleeting and transitory character. and not set in the frame of nature as permanent bodies of water like the great navigable Lakes or rivers or even as streams or lakes that have sources of perennial supply.

That the settlement of the country the advancement in the cultivation of land in the vicinity & other causes are & have been constantly operating to cause the waters thus collected in these shallow ponds to disappear & that when the waters have so disappeared there remains lands in all particulars, similar to the adjacent lands originally surveyed by the United States.

And this affiant further says that the operation of the causes above named after the settlement of the country since 1836 have caused the waters of these ponds to subside. that the soil covered by the shallow water has year by year produced heavy growths of vegetation and the same has also aided in displacing the waters & forming arable lands & that large quantities of lands aside from the timber

lands included within said meandered lines have thus become reclaimed & fit for cultivation and agricultural purposes.

That the diagram submitted shows the hard firm soil within said meandered lines, the remainder of the area is grown up to rank vegetation in many parts, the line of vegetation extending into the very centre of these shallow ponds.

This affiant found no difficulty in readily extending the lines of survey across the portion covered by shallow water & fixing the corners in accordance with the instructions and Manual of Surveying.

He also states that nearly all the area within said meandered lines is occupied by settlers who are a thrifty class of people, having good improvements & are cultivating and improving the same and affiant as such deputy surveyor has noted on the plat returned of said survey the location of such improvements, also shown the location of same by courses and distances in the field notes of said survey.

Affiant states that from the evidences of the rapid recession of the waters of these shallow ponds that he is of the opinion that very soon the whole area formerly covered by shallow water will be wholly free from water and become the finest kind of lands in most portions thereof.

That this affiant as such deputy surveyor, having carefully and faithfully executed the work entrusted to him by the Honorable Commissioners

of the General Land office hereby sub-  
mits the same for approval.

Alex Walcott <sup>2700</sup>  
Deputy Surveyor

Be it remembered that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day  
of December A.D. 1875, personally ap-  
peared before me, Alexander Walcott,  
personally known to me to be a credible  
person, who first being duly sworn, stated  
that the foregoing affidavit by him sub-  
scribed is true.

In witness whereof I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed my seal the day  
& year above written.

A. S. Bartlett  
Notary Public  
Chicago



Department of the Interior  
General Land Office

January 12<sup>th</sup> 1876

The foregoing field notes of the surveys of fractional sections seven (7) eighteen (18) and nineteen (19) in Township thirty seven (37) North Range nine (9) west; fractional sections one (1) twelve (12) thirteen (13) and twenty-four (24) in Township thirty-seven (37) North Range ten (10) West; and fractional section thirty-six (36) in Township thirty-eight North Range ten (10) West, all of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Principal Meridian in the State of Indiana, executed by Alexander Wolcott, under instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated October 23, 1875, in the month of November 1875, having been critically examined, the necessary corrections and explanations made the said field notes and the surveys they describe are hereby approved.



S. S. Burdett  
Commissioner and  
Ex-officio Sec. Genl of Indiana

General Land Office

January 24<sup>th</sup> 1876

I hereby certify that the foregoing  
is a true copy of the original.

*[Signature]*  
Acting Commissioner

Whole Survey 2950 words